

# DIPLOMATS WATCHING HOUSE, ROOT

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Diplomats here are watching with keenest interest the goings and comings of two distinguished Americans now in Europe. Elihu Root, secretary of state under Roosevelt, and Col. House, Wilson's right hand man and confidential adviser at Versailles. The belief of many is that each is on unofficial but strictly confidential mission.

While democrats and republicans in the senate delayed action on the peace treaty, it was admitted by both parties that the moral leadership in world affairs, won for the United States by American victories overseas, was gradually being lost, each party blaming the other for the blunder. Col. House and ex-Secretary Root, the one democratic, the other republican, according to opinion in diplomatic circles here, are now doing their utmost, each in his own point of view, to convince European statesmen that America is in the concert to stay.

Reports have reached Washington that European nations of late have shown far more readiness to listen to the voice of America in arranging old world destinies than was apparent last spring towards the end of the senate battle over the treaty. Then it was known here that England, France, Italy and some of the other powers were making their plans to go ahead without taking the United States into consideration.

Then Col. House went to Europe. Also Mr. Root. Neither went in any official capacity so far as the United States government is concerned, according to state department officials. Col. House is considered by the department of state to be abroad as a newspaper writer, while Mr. Root went at the invitation of the allied supreme council to lend his help in the formation of an international court.

The real work of each, observers here understand, is to convince the leading statesmen of Europe, that each has the only real idea for a league of nations or world society and that his own party, behind that idea is bound to come out on top in November.

Between the two, Col. House, known in Europe for years, as being very close to President Wilson, and Mr. Root, equally famous abroad for having served in President Roosevelt's cabinet, the old world is described as having suddenly reversed its American con-

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According to indications reaching Washington unofficially the allies have gradually been brought to believe that

much of the league of nations noise in America is purely political and which ever side wins in November, the United States will not completely isolate herself.

## HOBART

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes and Mrs. Clutcher of Fort Wayne, are here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Urbane.

The Thursday Evening Club met last evening with Mrs. Sizelove. The Five Hundred Club were entertained yesterday afternoon by Mesdames Grace Thompson and Hazel Findling.

Misses Florence Sardlett and Mae Sardlett visited in Chicago yesterday. Mrs. Keilman of Dyer is here visiting with her son, H. E. Keilman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Fleck entertained the following guests yesterday: Misses Fara and Edna Belle of South Bend, and Mr. Hortens Shirley of Walkerton.

Peter, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Mueller is quite seriously ill. The Misses Ida and Carrie Koran of St. Paul are here visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Scholler.

## TRIED THREE TIMES FOR MURDER

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) LUBBOCK, Tex., Aug. 26.—After having been tried three times for murder of her husband, Mrs. Florence Reynolds is free today, having been acquitted by a jury in District Court here.

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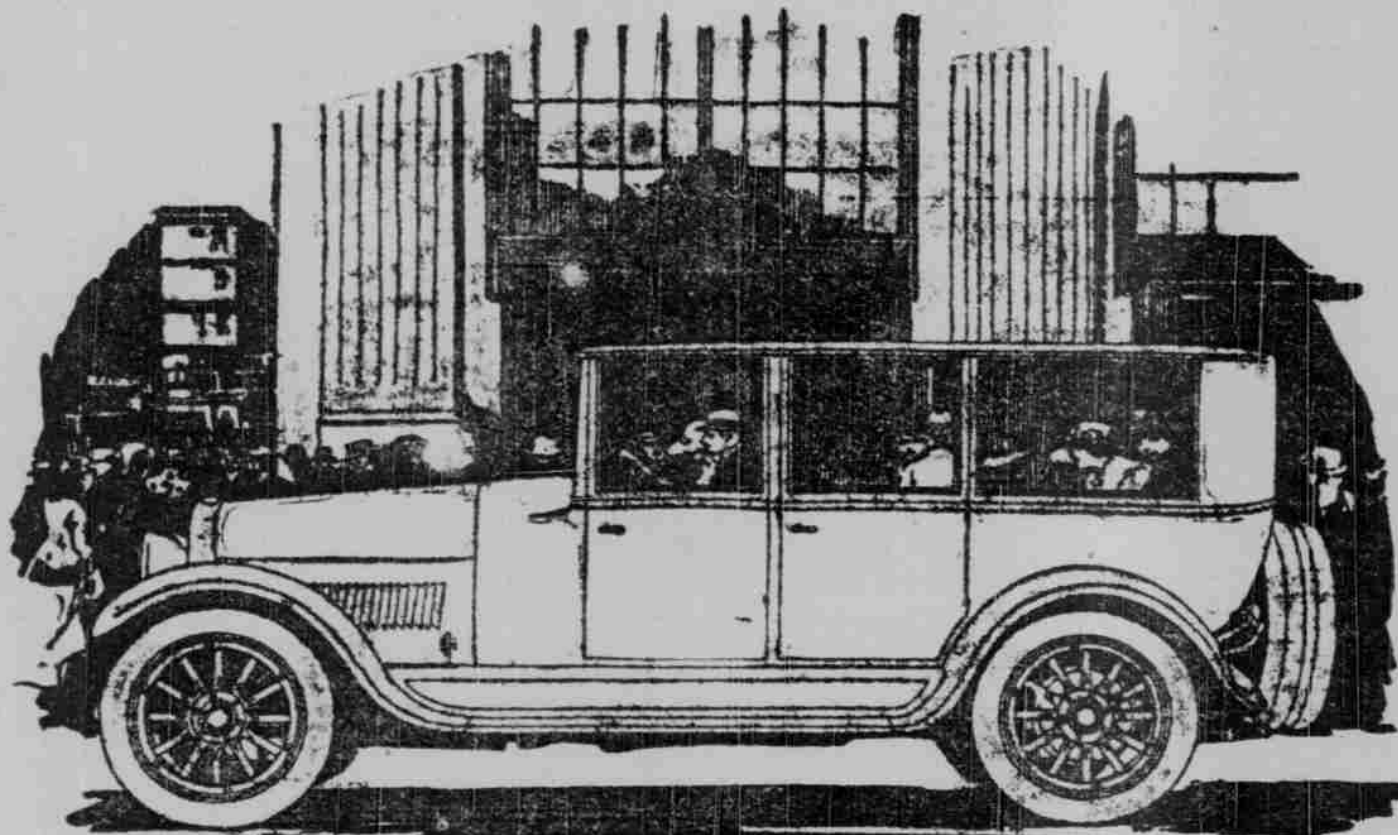
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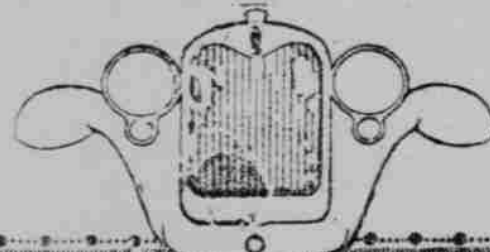
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